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Ms. Magalie Salas
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First St., N.E., Room 1a
Washington, DC 20426

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Re: Broadwater gas project
Atlantic Sea Island Group project

Dear Ms. Salas:

Apparently the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission will decide whether Long Island, the smallest speck on our national map, should be surrounded by liquid gas terminals individually proposed by the above-referenced corporations. This is despite the fact that liquified gas provides only 2 percent of the nation's current gas consumption.

Our families are lifelong residents of Long Island and we live along the north shore of Long Island a short walk from Long Island Sound. We have personally witnessed the quality of our beaches decline to the point where we hesitate to let our children swim in the water. Its beauty belies its potentially toxic content and we are fighting for its restoration. \$500 million have been invested over the last decade to restore the quality and beauty of the Sound and it remains far from where it should be. It will take greater effort and money before it will return to the habitat it once was for protected species. Additionally, the Sound generates over \$5.5 billion annually for our local economy, an economy that will be drastically affected should these unnecessary projects be approved.

The Broadwater and Atlantic Sea Island chose their proposed locations singularly for the colossal profits they envision in their future with unmitigated disregard for the absolute detriment to their chosen locations. Despite the strategically vague and deliberately incomplete reports to the contrary already presented by Broadwater, these gas projects pose significant risk to the Sound and residents of Long Island. These risks include, but are certainly not limited to, adverse environmental impact, accidents, leaks, ideal target for terrorists, acute disruption to both commercial and leisure use. Although these corporations see this on a map as the ideal place to "set up shop", the Sound and our relatively tiny "island" are drastically undersized for the

enormity of the proposed vessel and it's constant flow of container ships all filled liquified natural gas. Natural gas always poses a risk, the smallest leak of which has reduced large structures to rubble in minutes. Here, there is no room for error or accident. The catastrophic consequences of the impossibility of adequate evacuation of Long Island in an emergency situation should alone render these propositions preposterous! Should this project be approved despite the blatant risk to the quality of life and safety of the people of Long Island, the mass exodus from here may very well be before the first gas leak.

We, therefore beseech the FERC and this administration to reject these aforementioned proposals based on the monumental risk and consequences they pose to Long Island, its citizens and its Sound as well as precariously jeopardizing all our nation's estuaries by setting a dangerous precedent.

Thank you for your anticipated consideration.

Sincerely,

Monica and Stephen McMahon